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Judge Dismisses Suit Against Life

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 14 (AP)—U.S. district court Judge Herbert W. Crhistenberry has dismissed a $10 million defamation suit brought by state police Capt. Roland F. Coppola because of two articles published in Life magazine in 1967 and 1970.

The stories alleged that Coppola tried to get a $42,000 loan from rackets figure Carlos Marcello, that gambling was widespread in Lafayette and St. Martin parishes where Coppola was troop commander and that Coppola accepted gratuities from persons in the district.